

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Add the following new paragraph after paragraph 0031

FIG. 13 is a cross-sectional view similar to FIG. 7, but showing another embodiment.

Amend paragraph 0032 as follows:

[0032] Referring to FIG. 4, a clutch master cylinder 10 of the present embodiment has a cylinder body 11 which has a substantially sleeve like hollow configuration and has a chamber 12 formed therein. The cylinder body 11 is formed with a flange 14 to attachment of the clutch master cylinder 10 to the vehicle. The cylinder body 11 has a piston 15 slidably received within the chamber 12 to apply the pressure to the hydraulic fluid in the chamber 12 by reciprocate movement. The piston 15 is connected with a clutch pedal through a connecting rod 16 to operate the piston 15 by the driver. Hereinafter, a front direction is defined as an opposite side to the connecting rod 16 with regard to an axial direction of the piston 15.

Amend paragraph 0034 as follows:

[0034] Both large diameter portions 15a and 15b have annular seals 17a and 17b. The annular seal 17a of the first large diameter portion ~~17a~~ 15a is formed into U shape in cross section and an outer periphery thereof faces to the front direction. Therefore, the annular seal 17a works as a check valve in such a way that, when the piston 15 moves forwardly, the annular seal 17a prevents the hydraulic fluid from leaking from the pressure chamber 12a to the supplement chamber 12b, while the annular seal 17b allows the hydraulic fluid to flow from the supplement chamber 12b to the pressure chamber 12a after the piston 15 returns backwardly.

Amend paragraph 0045-0047 as follows:

[0045] The cover 44 is a relatively stiff metallic material, preferably a stainless steel in the present embodiment so that the urging force from the C shaped retaining ring 45 transmits to the fulcrum ring 43 ample to pinch the vibration absorbing disc 42 with the ceiling 35a. The diameter of the cover 44 is set to an ample length to fit the outer periphery of the cover 44 onto the ceiling 36a upon urging the fulcrum ring 43 upwardly. To fulfill this, the thickness T of the cover 44 is set to the length higher than the height H1 of the support part 36 by a clearance S1. In the present embodiment, the cover ~~45~~ 44 prevents water or dust from leaking from the inner side of the vibration absorbing disc 42. In another embodiment, the cover 45 can be omitted, provided that the urging force can be transmitted from the C shaped retaining ring 45.

[0046] Referring now FIGS. ~~7 and 8~~ and 9, the C shaped retaining ring 45 includes integrally a C shaped part 45a and a pair of ends 45b at the tip of the C shaped part 45a. The ends 45b form respectively holes 45c therein.

[0047] Referring to FIGS. ~~8 10 and 9 11~~, the C shaped retaining ring 45 is made of a relatively stiff yet elastic material such as spring steels so that the C shaped part 45a shrinks the diameter elastically by the force urging the both ends 45b to close to each other, upon returning back to the same diameter when the application of the force is released. An outer diameter D of the C shaped part 45a in free conditions is set suitable for an outer periphery 45d of the C shaped part 45a to fit into the groove part 37. A circular distance L between the ends 45b along the outer periphery 45d of the C shaped part 45a is set for the C shaped part 45a to shrink the diameter D a little smaller than an inner diameter d of the opening 32a.

Amend paragraph 0060 as follows:

[0060] The chamfer 45e may be formed on both sides of the C shaped part 45a, as shown in FIG.12. Alternatively, the chamfer may be formed only on the bottom of the groove 37 as shown in FIG. 13.